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SUBJECT: SUNY STONY BROOK/WROCLAW UNIVERSITY PROJECT

1. SUNY STONY BROOK (PROF. RAY JONES) REPORTS IT WAS INFORMED LATE AFTERNOON JULY 2 BY POLISH CONSULATE IN NYC THAT 7 OF GROUP OF 20 STUDENTS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR POLAND JULY 6 WOULD NOT RECEIVE VISAS. REASON GIVEN FOR REFUSAL WAS THAT SUNY HAD NOT SUBMITTED VISA APPLICATIONS

BY MAY 15 DEADLINE. ACCORDING TO JONES, THIS WAS FIRST TIME ANY MENTION HAD BEEN MADE BY POLES OF ANY DEADLINE AND THERE WAS NO INKLING DURING HIS LATE MAY VISIT TO POLAND THAT THERE WAS ANY HITCH IN PLANS FOR EARLY JUNE ARRIVAL OF 20 STUDENTS.

2. JONES IMMEDIATELY WROTE LETTER TO KLIMKIEWICZ TO BE HANDCARRIED BY PROF. SEHNERT, WITH COPY TO BE DELIVERED TO EMBASSY. IN LETTER JONES TOLD KLIMKIEWICZ SUNY WOULD BE UNABLE RECEIVE 7 NAMED POLISH STUDENTS UNTIL VISAS ISSUED TO REMAINING 7 SUNY STUDENTS.

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3. WE ASKED JONES WHETHER ANNOUNCEMENT BY POLISH CON-

SULATE SIGNIFIED OUTRIGHT REFUSAL OF VISAS OR POSTPONEMENT UNTIL FORMALITIES COMPLETED. HE SAID ALL 7 WERE REFUSED BUT THAT HE INTENDED TO GO TO CONSULATE ON JULY 8 TO INQUIRE WHETHER DIFFERENT INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN MEANTIME FROM WARSAW.

4. IN TELLING KLIMKIEWICZ THAT SUNY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE 7 POLISH STUDENTS UNLESS VISA PROBLEM RESOLVED, JONES HAD TO DEAL WITH FACT THAT THIS EXCHANGE INVOLVES COST SHARING TRADEOFF BETWEEN TWO UNIVERSITIES. APART FROM FACT THAT MINEDUC APPROVED SUNY/WROCLAW EXCHANGE AND THAT U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION HAS SUPPORTED EXCHANGE WITH SUBSTANTIAL GRANT TO SUNY, EXPANDING RELATIONS BETWEEN SUNY AND POLISH UNIVERSITIES COULD BE IMPEDED IF SUNY ACCEPTED FULL SLATE OF POLISH STUDENTS WHILE POLISH SIDE RENEGED ON ITS AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT AGREED NUMBER OF SUNY STUDENTS.

5. WE SUGGEST EMBASSY DISCUSS MATTER WITH KLIMKIEWICZ, ASSURE HIM THAT SUNY STONY BROOK IS INTERESTED IN CONTINUING EXCHANGE AS TWO SIDES AGREED, AND INFORM US OF HIS RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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